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Subject:

July 2011 Osaka Travel Market Revision

Dear Mr. Timothy Pugh,

I am faxing over an updated version of our tour brochures which we included a comment that notifies our readership that we are registered under FARA.

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Please let us know should there be any issues/suggestions or questions with regards to this. Unless we hear otherwise from you, we will assume that this report has been made up to your standards.

Best regards,

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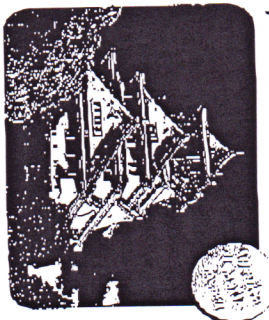
Welcome to Osaka!

歴史 Walk through Osaka's Historic Past

At various points during the 5th to 8th centuries, Osaka served as Japan's capital and has since played a major role in Japanese trade and culture.

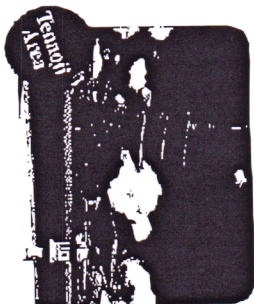
Osaka Castle - Golden Castle

One of the legendary castles of Japan, Osaka Castle was built in 1583, the current Tenmoku (main tower) reconstructed in 1931 and in 1997 the main castle was beautifully restored. In addition to a fantastic view of Osaka, valuable historical artifacts are on display with audio guide.

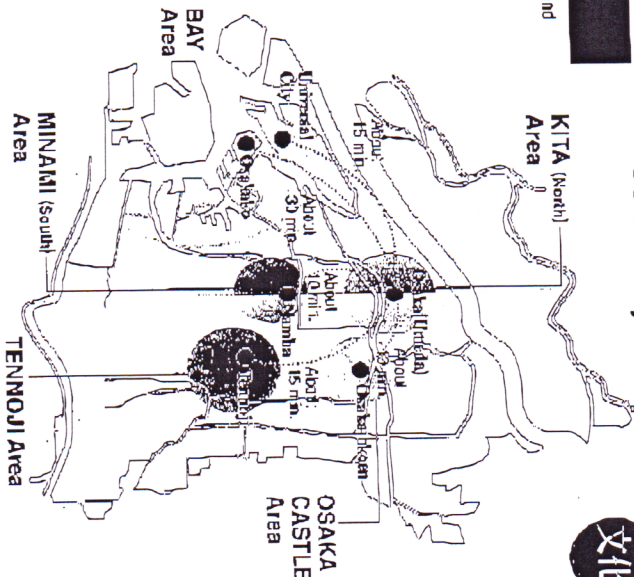


Shitennoji Temple

Japan's oldest officially administered temple was founded by Prince Shouchu in 593. Visitors to Shitennoji Temple will experience traditional Japanese culture including enjoying Akochi (green tea) in one of the four tea rooms in Honbo gardens.



Osaka City Area



文化 Experience the Traditional Arts

Osaka is alive with an array of traditional arts. Since Osaka's establishment as an old castle town, successive generations have handed down a thriving culture of traditional arts.

Noh

Act plays are a traditional form of Japanese entertainment and one of the oldest dramatic performances in existence that continues to be performed close to its original form.



Bunraku

Originating in Osaka more than 300 years ago, Bunraku is a form of traditional puppet theater still performed today, and is registered by UNESCO as a World Intangible Cultural Heritage.



Karriyagata Ukiyoe Museum

Ukiyoe is traditional Japanese woodblock printing. The museum features prints of Osaka Kabuki actors in this unique art form.



祭 Enjoy Osaka's Traditional Festivals

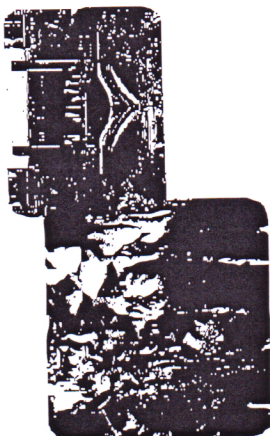
Osaka Tenjin Festival (7/24 - 25)

Tenjin Matsuri is one of Japan's largest and oldest festivals dating back to the year 942. This two-day festival features purification ceremonies and processions of various kinds including the evening boat parade with over 100 bright floats carrying Osaka's many rivers while fireworks light the sky.



Taka Ebisu Festival (1/9 - 11)

Visitors pray for prosperity in business for the coming year in the Taka (Toby) Ebisu Festival. The Inamiya-Ebisu Jin'ya (shrine) hosts the biggest festival of all the shrines. This festival is unique to Osaka, the city of commerce.



食 Feast in the City of Culinary Delights

Kyushu Udon consists of Udon noodles in a broth with fried Tofu. *Osaka-zushi* (Osaka style sushi) is different than traditional Tokyo style sushi in that it is pressed or steamed. And *tenochi* is a light (lowfish) hot pot light stew. In addition to traditional dishes, more modern Osaka style food includes *Okonomiyaki* (a savory pancake) and *Takoyaki* (wheat flour dumplings with octopus). These are just some of the unique variations of traditional Japanese food found in Osaka.

